### **EDUCATOR TESTING**

Effective July 1, 2002

#### PRAXIS I

- New "initial" licensee beginning July 1, 2002
- 2002/2003 hold harmless year wherein qualifying scores must be submitted but do not need to meet those set by ESPB
- July 1, 2003 all "initial" applicants must meet qualifying scores set by ESPB

# Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST)/Praxis I

Reading 173

• Writing 173

• Math 170

#### No Child Left Behind

 Mandates teaching skills and content test for elementary teachers

Title I teachers effective immediately

 Effective July 1, 2006 for all new elementary teachers

## Elementary Test Validation

- Educational Testing Service compared test to North Dakota teacher education program approval standards
- February 6, 2003 ND veteran elementary teachers compared tests to ND teacher education program approval standards
- Test selection committee recommended to ESPB two tests to meet federal mandate.

#### PRAXIS II

 Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, test code: 0011 will be used for the content test.

 Principles of Learning and Teaching, test code: 0522 will be used for teaching skills

#### **Test Validation Date**

- October 2, 2003-Content test validation at Ramkota in Bismarck
- October 3, 2003-Teaching skills test validation at Ramkota in Bismarck
- Same panel of ND teachers completing the validation study.
- Nominations were accepted until May 23, 2003

## Final phase for elementary

- After the October validation process, ETS will recommend a cut score to ESPB based on the ND validation panel.
- ESPB will research and review the recommendation, compare to other states (near and far), consider what the market will bear, and set a cut score or qualifying score for the elementary tests.

## "Highly Qualified"

 NCLB allows educators to use a test as documentation for "highly qualified status."

ESPB will provide this test as soon as possible.

Presently, ESPB is negotiating with ETS.

#### **Timeline**

- ESPB retreat: June 16-17, 2003
- Set up standards comparisons, test selections and validation studies
- Approximately nine-twelve months from date of decision until tests will be ready
- Panels of teachers will be needed to fulfill validation committees

## QUESTIONS

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